

counting, this paragraph shall not apply with respect to such instrument for periods after such transfer.

**(4) Fair market value rule in potentially abusive situations**

In the case of any cash method debt instrument, section 483 shall be applied as if it included provisions similar to the provisions of section 1274(b)(3).

**(d) Other special rules**

**(1) Aggregation rules**

For purposes of this section—

(A) all sales or exchanges which are part of the same transaction (or a series of related transactions) shall be treated as 1 sale or exchange, and

(B) all debt instruments arising from the same transaction (or a series of related transactions) shall be treated as 1 debt instrument.

**(2) Inflation adjustments**

**(A) In general**

In the case of any debt instrument arising out of a sale or exchange during any calendar year after 1989, each dollar amount contained in the preceding provisions of this section shall be increased by the inflation adjustment for such calendar year. Any increase under the preceding sentence shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100 (or, if such increase is a multiple of \$50, such increase shall be increased to the nearest multiple of \$100).

**(B) Inflation adjustment**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the inflation adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which—

- (i) the CPI for the preceding calendar year exceeds
- (ii) the CPI for calendar year 1988.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the CPI for any calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close of the 12-month period ending on September 30 of such calendar year.

**(e) Regulations**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including—

- (1) regulations coordinating the provisions of this section with other provisions of this title,
- (2) regulations necessary to prevent the avoidance of tax through the abuse of the provisions of subsection (c), and
- (3) regulations relating to the treatment of transfers of cash method debt instruments.

(Added Pub. L. 99-121, title I, §102(a), Oct. 11, 1985, 99 Stat. 506; amended Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11813(b)(22), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-555; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(62), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1890.)

**INFLATION ADJUSTED ITEMS FOR CERTAIN YEARS**

*For inflation adjustment of certain items in this section, see Revenue Rulings listed in a table below.*

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 101-508, which was approved Nov. 5, 1990.

**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 104-188 substituted “instrument” for “instument”.

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-508 inserted “, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990” after “section 48(b)”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 applicable to property placed in service after Dec. 31, 1990, but not applicable to any transition property (as defined in section 49(e) of this title), any property with respect to which qualified progress expenditures were previously taken into account under section 46(d) of this title, and any property described in section 46(b)(2)(C) of this title, as such sections were in effect on Nov. 4, 1990, see section 11813(c) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable to sales and exchanges after June 30, 1985, in taxable years ending after such date, see section 105(a)(1) of Pub. L. 99-121, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 1274 of this title.

**SAVINGS PROVISION**

For provisions that nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

**INFLATION ADJUSTED ITEMS FOR CERTAIN YEARS**

Provisions relating to inflation adjustment of items in this section for certain years were contained in the following:

2017—Revenue Ruling 2016-30.  
 2016—Revenue Ruling 2015-24.  
 2015—Revenue Ruling 2014-30.  
 2014—Revenue Ruling 2013-23.  
 2013—Revenue Ruling 2012-33.  
 2012—Revenue Ruling 2011-27.  
 2011—Revenue Ruling 2010-30.  
 2010—Revenue Ruling 2010-2.  
 2009—Revenue Ruling 2008-52.  
 2008—Revenue Ruling 2008-3.  
 2007—Revenue Ruling 2007-4.  
 2006—Revenue Ruling 2005-76.  
 2005—Revenue Ruling 2004-107.  
 2004—Revenue Ruling 2003-119.  
 2003—Revenue Ruling 2002-79.  
 2002—Revenue Ruling 2001-65.  
 2001—Revenue Ruling 2000-55.  
 2000—Revenue Ruling 99-50.  
 1999—Revenue Ruling 98-58.  
 1998—Revenue Ruling 97-56.  
 1997—Revenue Ruling 96-63.  
 1996—Revenue Ruling 96-4.

**§ 1275. Other definitions and special rules**

**(a) Definitions**

For purposes of this subpart—

**(1) Debt instrument**

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term “debt instrument” means a bond,

debenture, note, or certificate or other evidence of indebtedness.

**(B) Exception for certain annuity contracts**

The term “debt instrument” shall not include any annuity contract to which section 72 applies and which—

(i) depends (in whole or in substantial part) on the life expectancy of 1 or more individuals, or

(ii) is issued by an insurance company subject to tax under subchapter L (or by an entity described in section 501(c) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) which would be subject to tax under subchapter L were it not so exempt)—

(I) in a transaction in which there is no consideration other than cash or another annuity contract meeting the requirements of this clause,

(II) pursuant to the exercise of an election under an insurance contract by a beneficiary thereof on the death of the insured party under such contract, or

(III) in a transaction involving a qualified pension or employee benefit plan.

**(2) Issue date**

**(A) Publicly offered debt instruments**

In the case of any debt instrument which is publicly offered, the term “date of original issue” means the date on which the issue was first issued to the public.

**(B) Issues not publicly offered and not issued for property**

In the case of any debt instrument to which section 1273(b)(2) applies, the term “date of original issue” means the date on which the debt instrument was sold by the issuer.

**(C) Other debt instruments**

In the case of any debt instrument not described in subparagraph (A) or (B), the term “date of original issue” means the date on which the debt instrument was issued in a sale or exchange.

**(3) Tax-exempt obligation**

The term “tax-exempt obligation” means any obligation if—

(A) the interest on such obligation is not includible in gross income under section 103, or

(B) the interest on such obligation is exempt from tax (without regard to the identity of the holder) under any other provision of law.

**(4) Treatment of obligations distributed by corporations**

Any debt obligation of a corporation distributed by such corporation with respect to its stock shall be treated as if it had been issued by such corporation for property.

**(b) Treatment of borrower in the case of certain loans for personal use**

**(1) Sections 1274 and 483 not to apply**

In the case of the obligor under any debt instrument given in consideration for the sale or exchange of property, sections 1274 and 483

shall not apply if such property is personal use property.

**(2) Original issue discount deducted on cash basis in certain cases**

In the case of any debt instrument, if—

(A) such instrument—

(i) is incurred in connection with the acquisition or carrying of personal use property, and

(ii) has original issue discount (determined after the application of paragraph (1)), and

(B) the obligor under such instrument uses the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting,

notwithstanding section 163(e), the original issue discount on such instrument shall be deductible only when paid.

**(3) Personal use property**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “personal use property” means any property substantially all of the use of which by the taxpayer is not in connection with a trade or business of the taxpayer or an activity described in section 212. The determination of whether property is described in the preceding sentence shall be made as of the time of issuance of the debt instrument.

**(c) Information requirements**

**(1) Information required to be set forth on instrument**

**(A) In general**

In the case of any debt instrument having original issue discount, the Secretary may by regulations require that—

(i) the amount of the original issue discount, and

(ii) the issue date,

be set forth on such instrument.

**(B) Special rule for instruments not publicly offered**

In the case of any issue of debt instruments not publicly offered, the regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall not require the information to be set forth on the debt instrument before any disposition of such instrument by the first buyer.

**(2) Information required to be submitted to Secretary**

In the case of any issue of publicly offered debt instruments having original issue discount, the issuer shall (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall by regulation prescribe) furnish the Secretary the following information:

(A) The amount of the original issue discount.

(B) The issue date.

(C) Such other information with respect to the issue as the Secretary may by regulations require.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, any person who makes a public offering of stripped bonds (or stripped coupons) shall be treated as the issuer of a publicly offered debt instrument having original issue discount.

**(3) Exceptions**

This subsection shall not apply to any obligation referred to in section 1272(a)(2) (relating to exceptions from current inclusion of original issue discount).

**(4) Cross reference**

For civil penalty for failure to meet requirements of this subsection, see section 6706.

**(d) Regulation authority**

The Secretary may prescribe regulations providing that where, by reason of varying rates of interest, put or call options, indefinite maturities, contingent payments, assumptions of debt instruments, or other circumstances, the tax treatment under this subpart (or section 163(e)) does not carry out the purposes of this subpart (or section 163(e)), such treatment shall be modified to the extent appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subpart (or section 163(e)).

(Added and amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §§ 41(a), 61(c)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 540, 581; Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, § 1804(f)(2)(A), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2805; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, § 1006(u)(4), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3427; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11325(a)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-466; Pub. L. 106-554, § 1(a)(7) [title III, § 318(c)(1)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-645.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Subsec. (a)(1)(B)(i). Pub. L. 106-554, in introductory provisions, substituted “subchapter L (or by an entity described in section 501(c) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) which would be subject to tax under subchapter L were it not so exempt)” for “subchapter L”.

1990—Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 101-508 redesignated par. (5) as (4) and struck out former par. (4) which related to a special rule for determination of issue price in case of exchange of debt instruments in reorganization.

1988—Subsec. (a)(4)(B)(ii)(I). Pub. L. 100-647 substituted “subsection (a)(7)” for “subsection (a)(6)”.

1986—Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 99-514 redesignated par. (4), relating to treatment of obligations distributed to corporations, as (5), and substituted “by corporations” for “to corporations” in heading.

1984—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 98-369, § 61(c)(2), added par. (4) relating to treatment of obligations distributed to corporations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 106-554, § 1(a)(7) [title III, § 318(c)(2)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-645, provided that: “The amendment made by this subsection [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 41 of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 [Pub. L. 98-369, div. A].”

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 applicable, with certain exceptions, to debt instruments issued and stock transferred after Oct. 1, 1990, in satisfaction of any indebtedness, see section 11325(c) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 108 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of

the Tax Reform Act of 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, to which such amendment relates, see section 1881 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 48 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable with respect to distributions declared Mar. 15, 1984, in taxable years ending after that date, see section 61(e)(3) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 312 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable to taxable years ending after July 18, 1984, but subsec. (c) of this section effective on the day 30 days after July 18, 1984, see section 44 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 1271 of this title.

**PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL  
JANUARY 1, 1989**

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§ 1101-1147 and 1171-1177] or title XVIII [§§ 1800-1899A] of Pub. L. 99-514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1140 of Pub. L. 99-514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

**SUBPART B—MARKET DISCOUNT ON BONDS****Sec.**

1276. Disposition gain representing accrued market discount treated as ordinary income.
1277. Deferral of interest deduction allocable to accrued market discount.
1278. Definitions and special rules.

**§ 1276. Disposition gain representing accrued market discount treated as ordinary income****(a) Ordinary income****(1) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, gain on the disposition of any market discount bond shall be treated as ordinary income to the extent it does not exceed the accrued market discount on such bond. Such gain shall be recognized notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle.

**(2) Dispositions other than sales, etc.**

For purposes of paragraph (1), a person disposing of any market discount bond in any transaction other than a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion shall be treated as realizing an amount equal to the fair market value of the bond.

**(3) Treatment of partial principal payments****(A) In general**

Any partial principal payment on a market discount bond shall be included in gross income as ordinary income to the extent such payment does not exceed the accrued market discount on such bond.

**(B) Adjustment**

If subparagraph (A) applies to any partial principal payment on any market discount bond, for purposes of applying this section to any disposition of (or subsequent partial principal payment on) such bond, the amount of accrued market discount shall be reduced by the amount of such partial principal payment included in gross income under subparagraph (A).